

# Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama

## February 23 - 27, 2009

Monday, February 23 through Friday, February 27, 2009, has been proclaimed Severe Weather Awareness Week in Alabama by Governor Bob Riley. During this special week, Alabamians are encouraged to learn and/or review the proper safety precautions necessary for protecting their lives during severe weather.

Throughout this week, the National Weather Service, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and American Red Cross chapters in Alabama will be conducting educational activities to help people learn how to prevent injuries and deaths from lightning, wind, hail, tornadoes, and floods. Media outlets are encouraged to promote this week through articles, stories, and interviews to inform people about severe weather dangers and the proper safety precautions necessary for survival.

This booklet contains material on severe weather and ways to prepare for it. Lightning, wind, hail, tornadoes, and floods ALL pose great danger to Alabama. Weather related disasters do occur annually from these phenomena. After nearly every weather disaster, the story is the same; people survived because they knew what to do! By taking a few minutes to learn or review severe weather safety procedures, you could save your life or someone else's.



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